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1. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPROACH TO GOB
ON ELIMINATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ARRIVED HERE JUST
AFTER I HAD SEEN FOREIGN MINISTER DECEMBER 29. IN REF B
I GAVE OPINION THAT I WOULD FIND OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT OUR
DRAFT NOTE TO MLADENOV "IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT TWO WEEKS
OR SO." THAT WAS DEC 30.

2. MLADENOV RETURNED FROM HIS ATHENS VISIT JANUARY 14. I
RETURNED FROM GREECE JAN 16, AND IMMEDIATELY PUT IN REQUEST
TO SEE HIM. DESPITE TWO REMINDERS, AND SOME INDICATION
THAT HE MIGHT RECEIVE ME BY THE END OF THIS WEEK, NO
APPOINTMENT HAS COME THROUGH YET. THIS IS UNKSUAL, AND
I DO NOT INTEND TO PRESS FURTHER FOR THE TIME BEING.

3. IT MAY BE THAT MLADENOV, HAVING PROMISED A CASE-
BY-CASE REVIEW OF DIVIDED FAMILY PROBLEM "TOWARD THE
MIDDLE OF JANUARY" (CF. PARA 10 REF C), AND EXPECTING
THAT I WOULD HIT HIM ON THAT SUBJECT AND ESPECIALLY
ON THE COLLINS CASE, MAY BE RELUCTANT TO HAVE ANOTHER
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MEETING UNTIL HE HAS SOMETHING (HOPEFULLY SOMETHING

POSITIVE) TO REPORT ON THAT SUBJECT.

4. MEANWHILE, THERE HAS BEEN A LITTLE MOVEMENT ON
DIVIDED FAMILIES. SINCE THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED BY
DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL WITH CHAIRMAN ZHIVKOV ON
SEPTEMBER 18, 1975, WE HAVE INDICATIONS THAT FOUR
CASES HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH FAVORABLY, AS REPORTED IN
REFS D, E, F, AND GMP THREE OF THEM SINCE JANUARY 1.
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